

JOHNSON SKATEPARK & BIKE TRACK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING/REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY ZOOM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

Present:

Committee Members: Greg Fatigate, Casey Romero, Howard Romero, George Swanson (Zoom), Rick Aupperlee (Zoom)

Others: Joey Handy

Absent: James Whitehill

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

At 5:48 when there was still not a quorum present, Casey's suggested starting informal discussion of the agenda items that did not require voting.

1. Directors' Orders

Casey said since the last meeting we had had \$645 worth of director's orders. Four hundred dollars of that was for five skateboards for the Let's Roll program.

2. Green Up Party Report

Casey said the Green Up party was really successful. About 30 people came. There were snacks provided by Laraway and some home baked things. Healthy Lamoille Valley gave us a \$100 merchandise card that was used to buy fruit. They understand that the balance will be spent on snacks for the Let's Roll program. We did not do any painting on Green Up Day because there was no water.

3. 'Crete Project: RFP, Events, Other

The RFP for the 'Crete project is on the agenda for the selectboard to hopefully approve at its next meeting. Casey has not been able to get in touch with Pierre for weeks. He was going to give input on the RFP.

Joey suggested July for a mini jam because his baby is due June 8. The Coca-Cola representative is willing to give us drinks and he has talked to other vendors who are willing to provide donations but they are waiting for a definite date.

Casey said Tom Moog still wants to have an event at Moog's Joint. It would be in July or August. Joey said he wonders if that could be on the same date as the jam. Casey said she doesn't know what hours Tom is picturing for his event. His idea is to have family-friendly activities and games. Maybe we can explore having them on the same day.

Casey said she heard from Tyler. He is still interested in doing something at Bolton Valley later in the year.

4. Let's Roll Program: Registration, Funding, Budget

Casey said registration for Let's Roll will open at the end of the week. All registration is online. The person from the Copley program that provides helmets is fine with having her name and number publicized in the registration information. She will come to the first session with helmets.

The Let's Roll program will start June 14. It will run for six Wednesdays with an extra week as a rain date.

Casey said she hasn't heard about the \$5,000 grant we applied for to help fund the Let's Roll program. We are supposed to hear in May. She has a budget she worked out for the grant funds that will cover

Ian's time. It could also cover things like equipment for moving items, a folding table, stickers, t-shirts or PR.

5. Rec Coordinator Report

The rec coordinator was not present.

6. Laraway Report

George said Laraway is wrapping up the last session before the summer program. There is a 50th anniversary open house on June 6. The public is welcome. They will have the National Guard and things for kids. They will be showing the sugar house and some of the outside programming they are doing with students. Students have the greenhouse up and running. Rick is doing community service with students at the food shelf and other programs.

7. Proposed Improvements: Skills Terrain and Additional Road/Info Sign

Casey said we have a balance of \$6,386 available from prior grant funds for work on the skills terrain. Greg has some ideas for the skills terrain.

Greg asked if people use the skills area much (the area with the A-frames and teeter totter.) Joey said he sees people using it occasionally, usually younger people who don't want to use the dirt track. He doesn't think it is unused but it is not the most used.

Greg said there are some features he thinks should be pulled because they are not being used. He suggests improving the tread surface and base to prevent weeds from growing in the track. If we could get the town to deliver and donate gravel he thinks he could get quite a lot done. We would need finished surface gravel for the top and coarser gravel below it. Or we probably could get away with just using crushed gravel. He suggests improving the perimeter loop and continuing to work towards doing the whole thing in the future. We would still have to mow three times a year but we would not have to put as much work into widening the tread as weeds grow in.

Howard said he doesn't think the town will donate gravel. Casey said they might at least deliver it.

Rick joined at 6:11, making a quorum.

Greg said at least 100 yards of gravel would be needed just to do the perimeter. That is about six truckloads. A rough cost estimate for material would be \$2,500. Then there would be his labor costs. He is not sure if he could get it done in 4 days.

Casey said when she asks the selectboard for approval for the RFP she can also ask about spending money for this and she can ask if they will consider donating any gravel or doing trucking. But she will need a more definite cost estimate. Greg will provide a written estimate.

Howard moved to present Greg's proposal for bike terrain improvements to the selectboard, George seconded and the motion was passed with Greg abstaining.

Casey said we will have the Let's Roll program on the flat stretch at the far corner of Wescom and Park Loop. She thought it would be nice to have a sign and a banner there. Healthy Lamoille Valley would help fund a sign if it included some wording like "substance-free park." But they will not fund a pole. She also was going to ask the selectboard about that if the board likes the idea. The board agreed she should present it to the selectboard. This idea will be on the June agenda.

8. *Draft Minutes of April 12, 2023 Meeting*

Howard moved to approve the minutes of April 12, 2023, Greg seconded and the motion was passed.

9. *Site Maintenance: Water Supply, Other*

Howard said he has been trying to get the faucet adjusted so it can be shut off. This afternoon he got to the point where he thinks it is fixed. We can have the water turned on to see if it is really working. But right now we don't have water at the park.

Casey said an item to discuss in the future with the village is a complete redo and probably relocation of the water supply to the garden side. Joey said he wonders if in the long run we could get a bottle filling station there. George described a new outdoor water fixture at Laraway.

Casey asked when Greg anticipates mowing for the first time. He said around the 1st of June. He will also mow in early July and in August.

10. *Public Input & Social Media Question*

Casey said LCSD deputy James Griffin was at the Green Up Day event. He has offered to help post things on our social media sites. She asked Brian Story what town policy says about that. Brian said the administrator of those sites needs to be a committee member or town employee but anyone can post things. For instance, James could post pictures from Let's Roll on our Facebook page or Instagram account. Someone who posts something on our account from their account as a private individual is not claiming to represent the town or park so that is okay. James did a lot of site work on Green Up Day. He loves the park and wants it to be its best and he is willing to do anything he can to help us.

11. *Adjourn*

Greg moved to adjourn at 6:31, Howard seconded and the motion was passed.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths